

History of biological structure: sources of radiation

- Sealed tube first proteins/enzymes at medium resolution (25kD)
- Rotating anode hemoglobin (100kD)
- Big wheel tropomyosin
- Synchrotron:
 - 1st generation viruses
 - 2nd generation large complexes
 - 3rd generation larger complexes
 - 4th generation organelles?
- Free electron laser holography

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membrane-bound proteins

small crystals

ultra-high resolution

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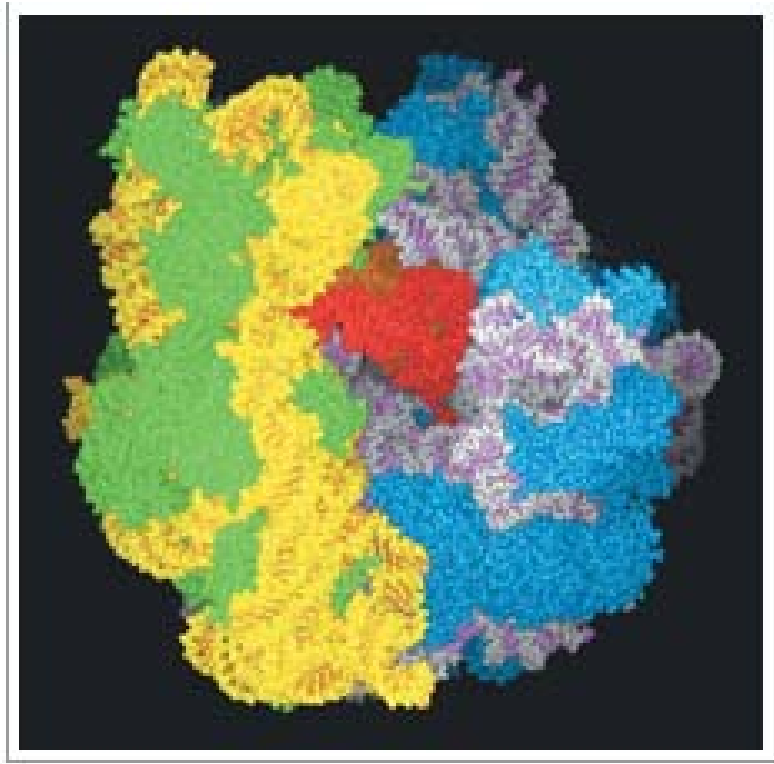
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Large Complexes



Ribosome:
Steitz, Moore;
Noller

Ca-ATPase: Toyoshima
cytochrome b oxidase: Tsukihara

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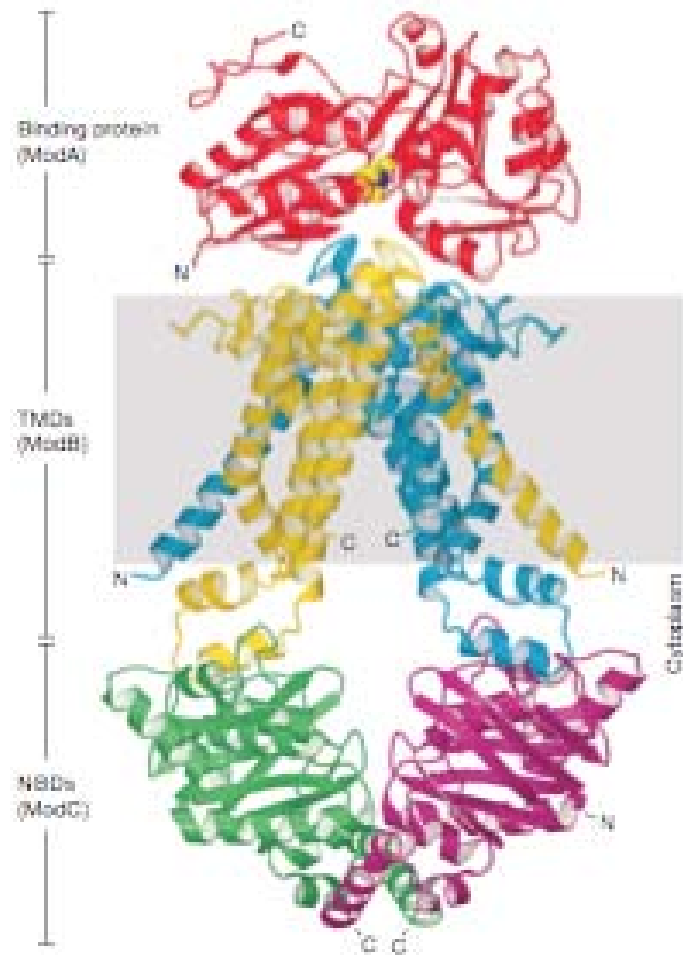
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Membrane-bound proteins



Locher: ABC transporter-binding protein complex

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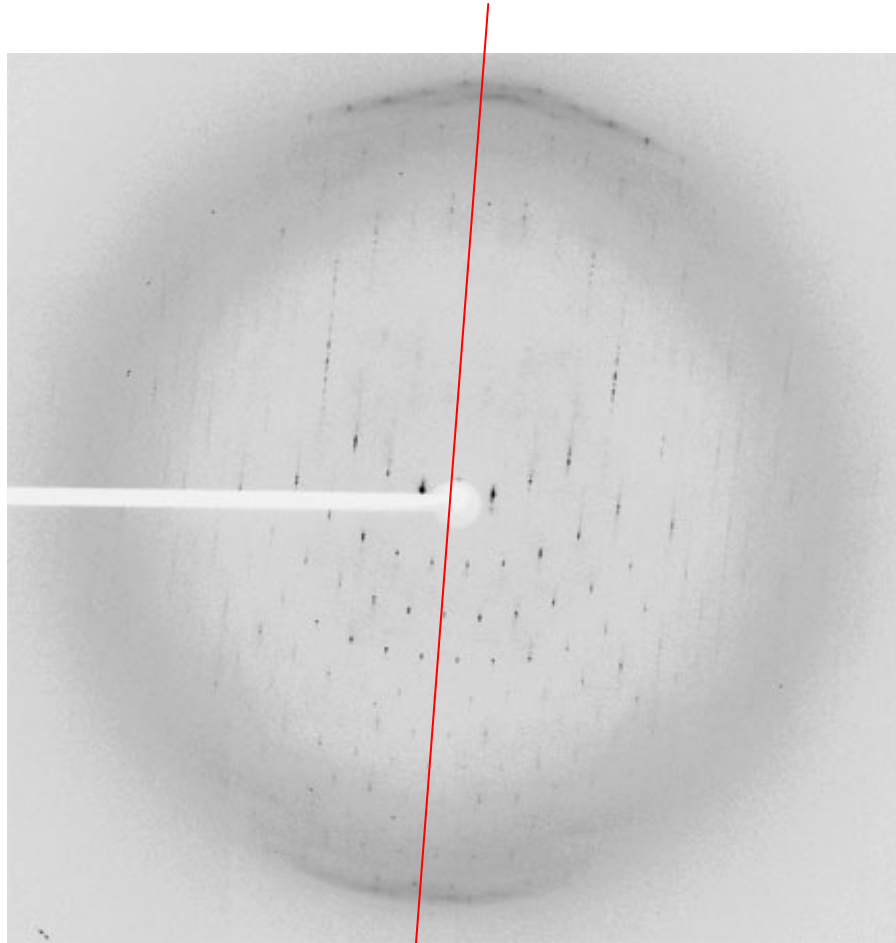
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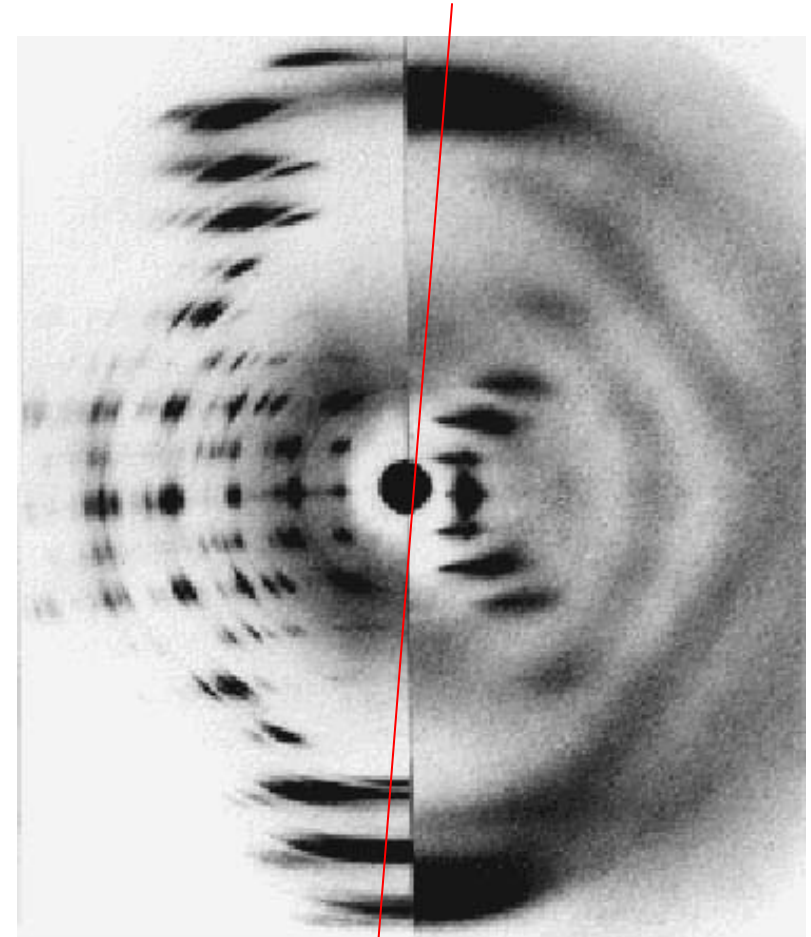
X-ray diffraction from Tbet/DNA co-crystals from condition II

DNA is oriented approximately along the z-axis



DNA axis (in plane of screen)

Rosalind Franklin's original DNA fiber diffraction patterns

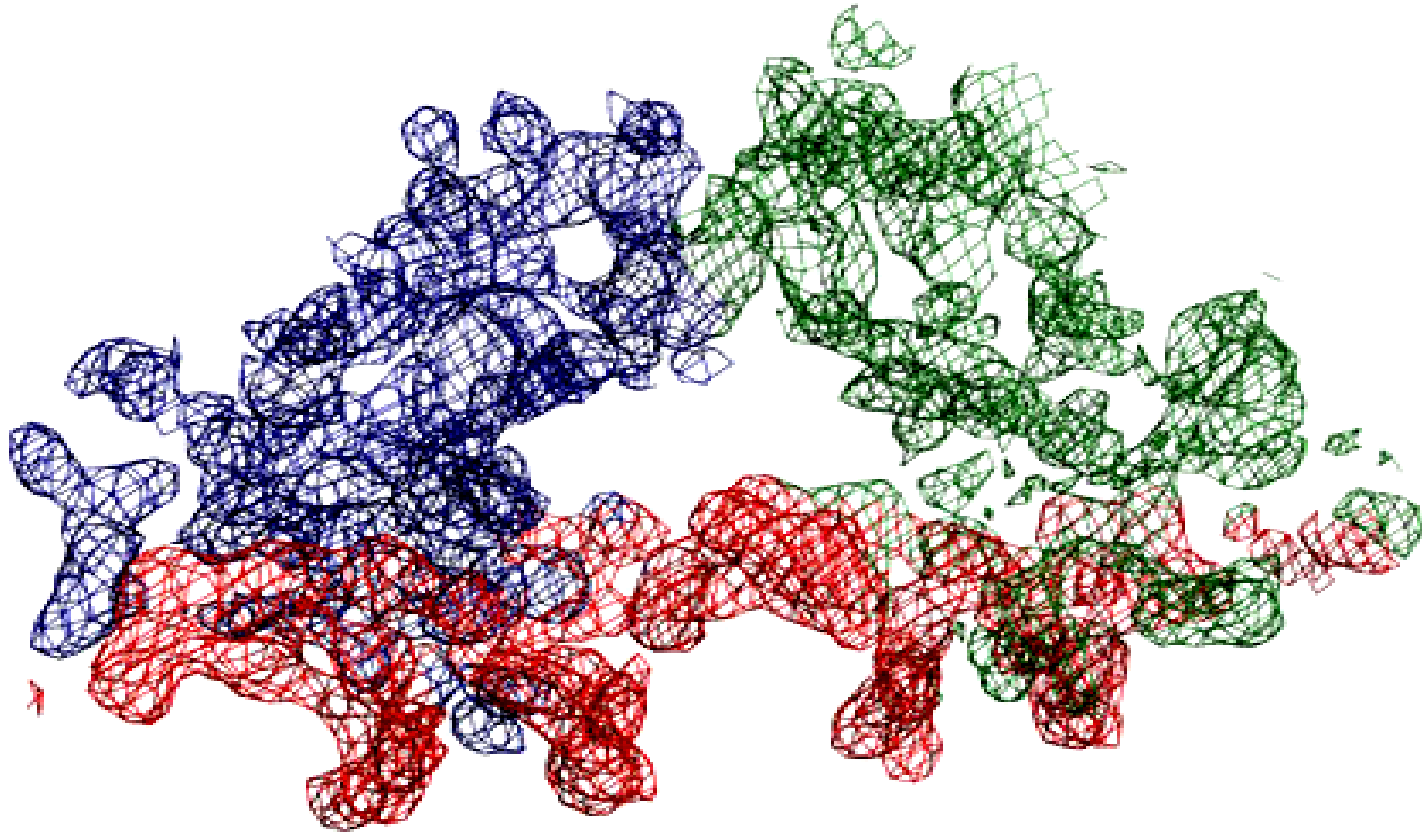


A-DNA B-DNA

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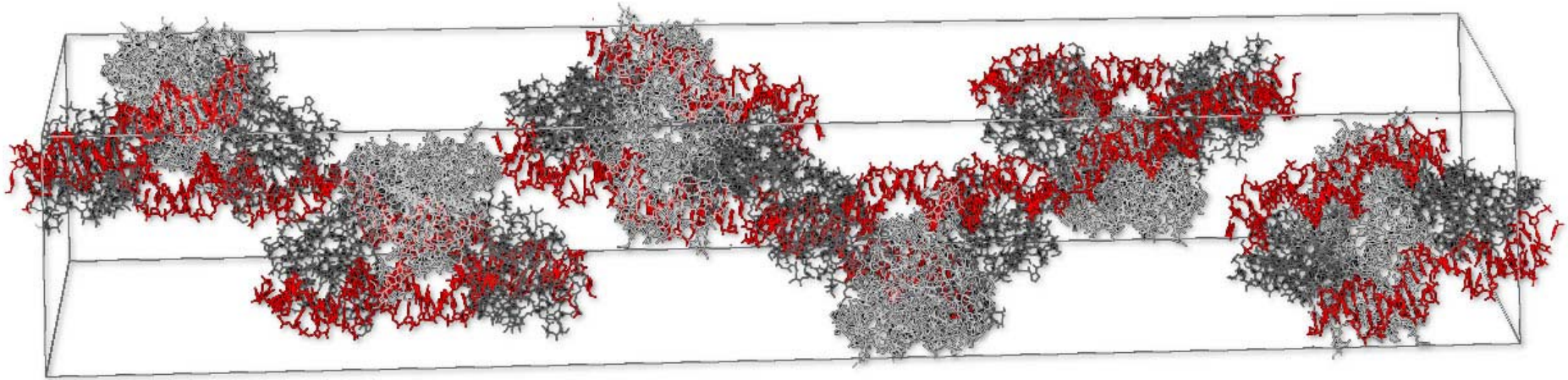
The structure is solved

The DNA and most of the protein backbone fits this electron density relatively well



electron density map ($2Fo - Fc$)

DNA orientation is indeed along the z (long) axis



Space group: $P6_122$

Unit cell: $70.219 \text{ \AA} \times 70.219 \text{ \AA} \times 439.702 \text{ \AA}$
($90.000^\circ \times 90.000^\circ \times 120.000^\circ$)

Resolution: $\sim 3.2 \text{ \AA}$

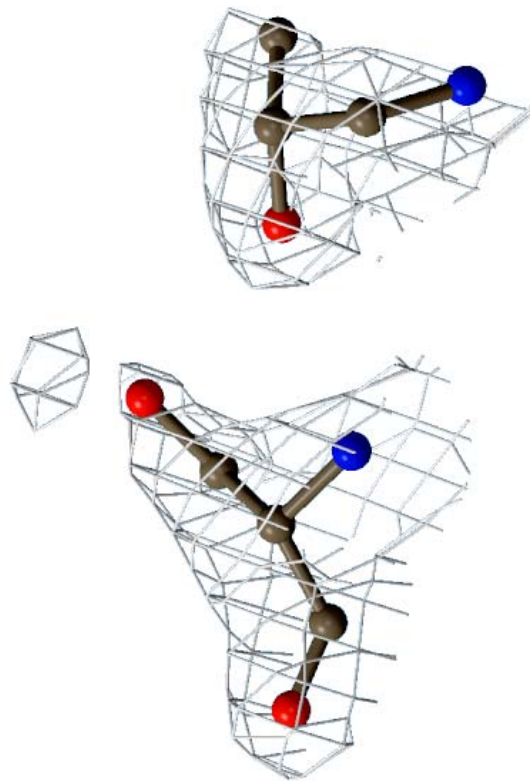
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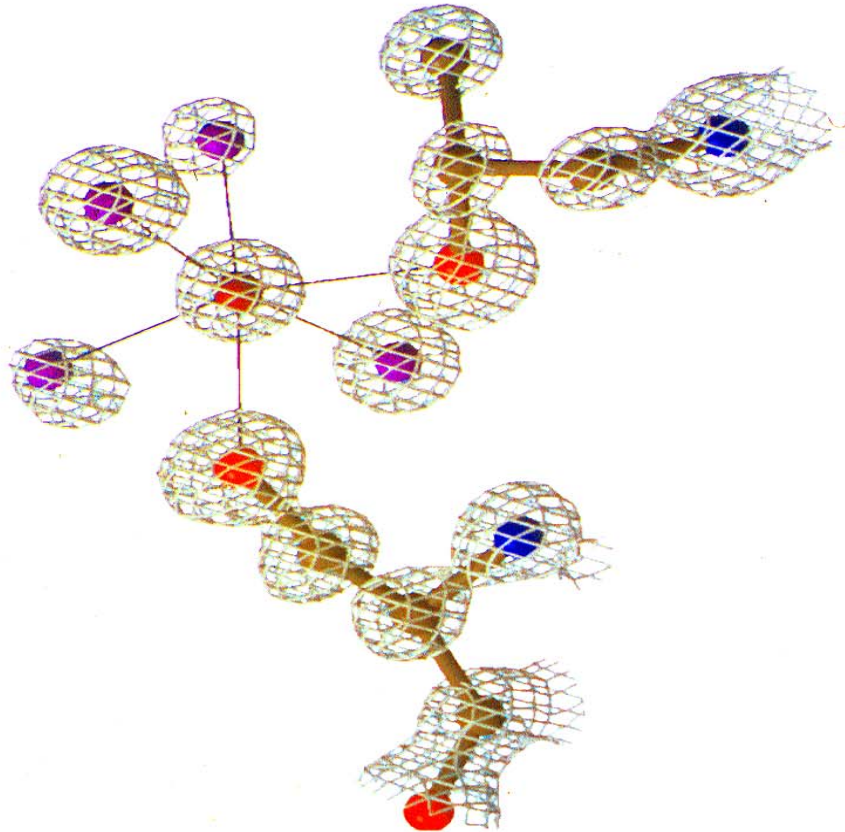
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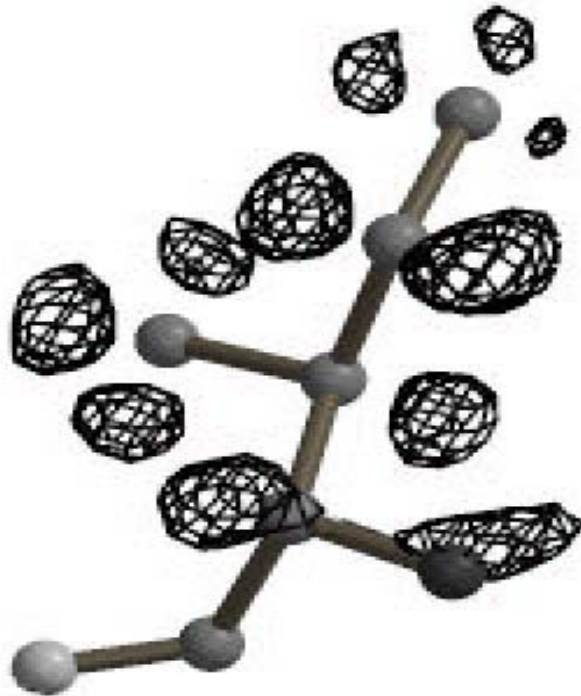
A SURFACE WATER H-BONDED TO A THR AND SER AT 2 Å RESOLUTION



THE “WATER” IS A SODIUM ION (0.95Å)



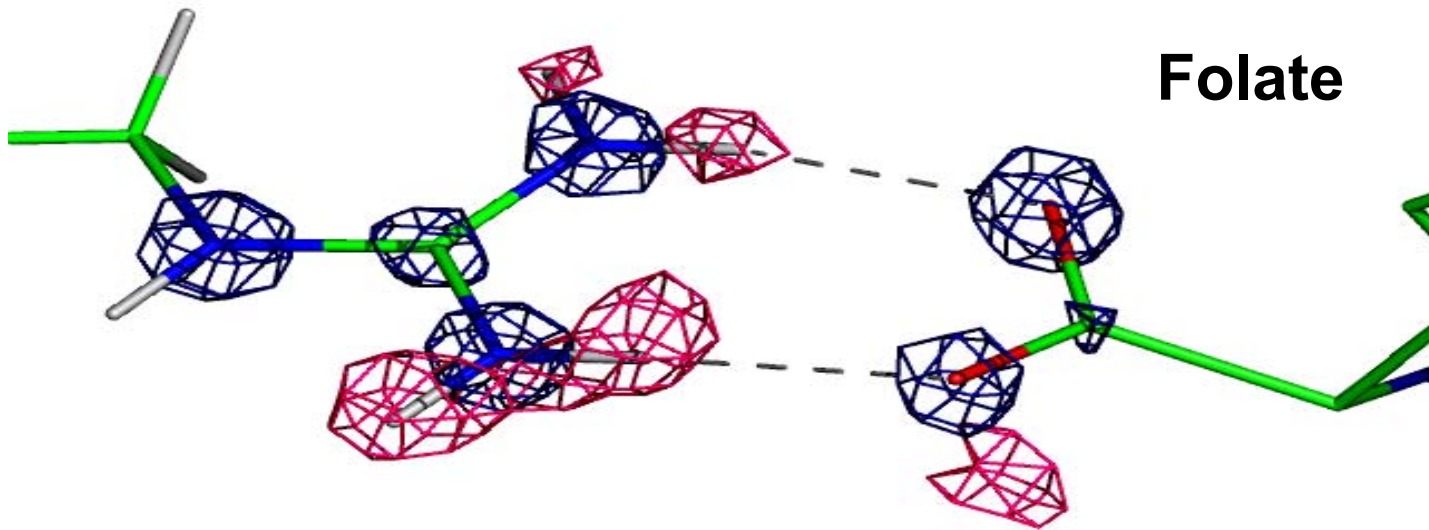
Hydrogens on Ile 26



Hydrogen Atom Electron Density in DHFR at 0.95 Å Resolution

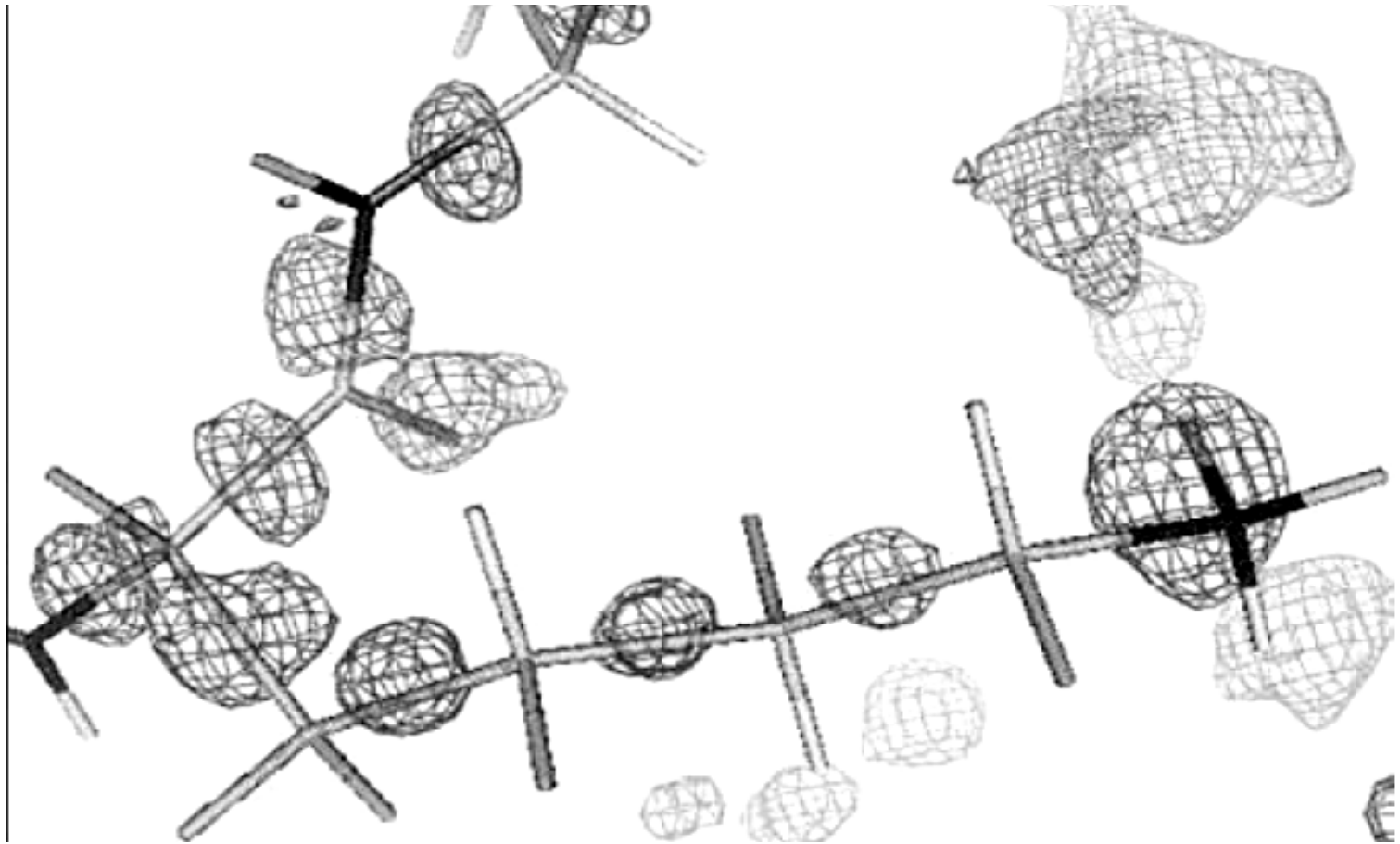
2Fo-Fc

Fo-Fc

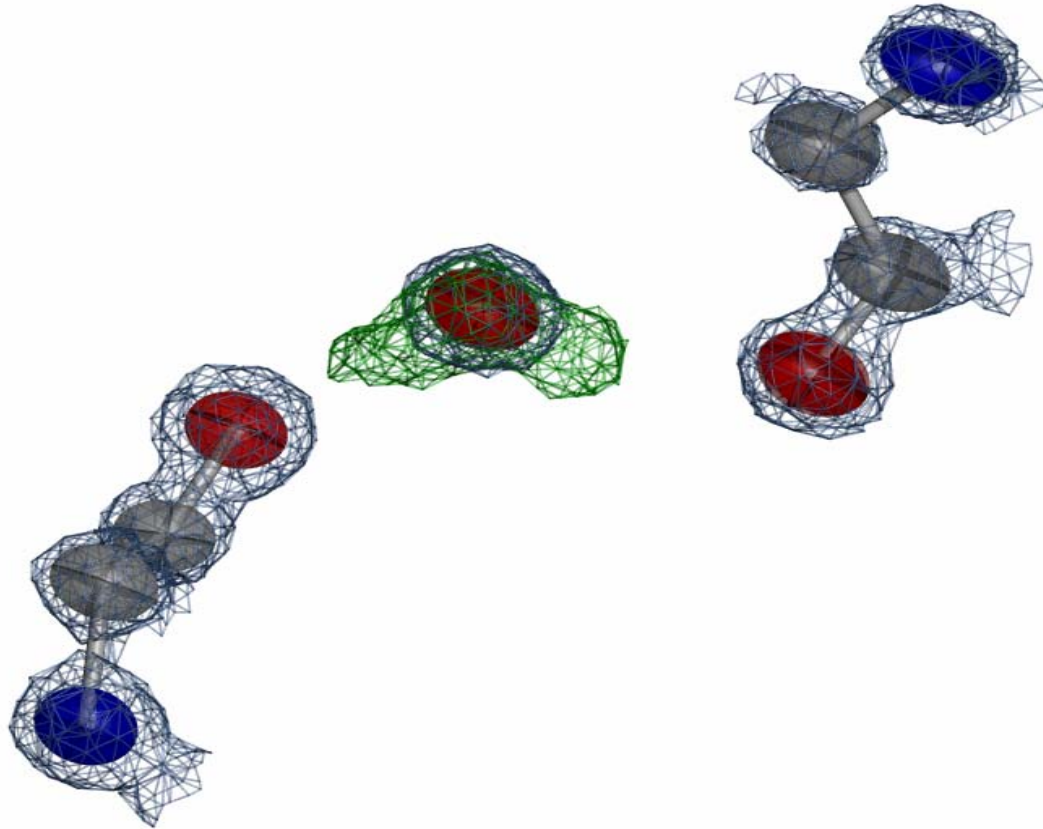


Arg 57

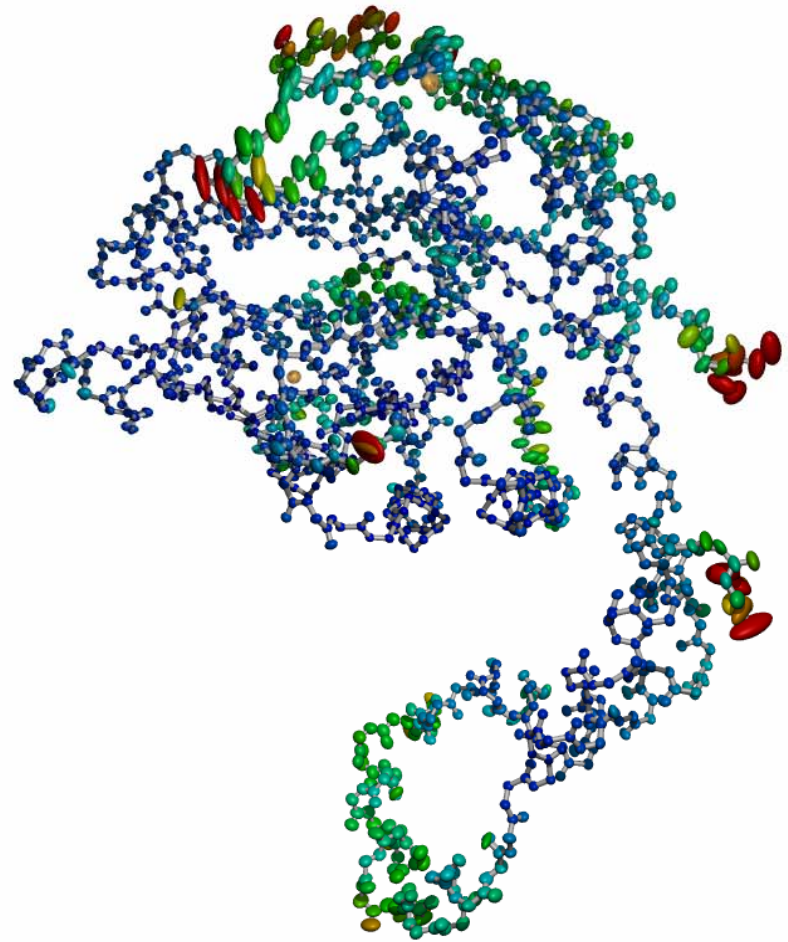
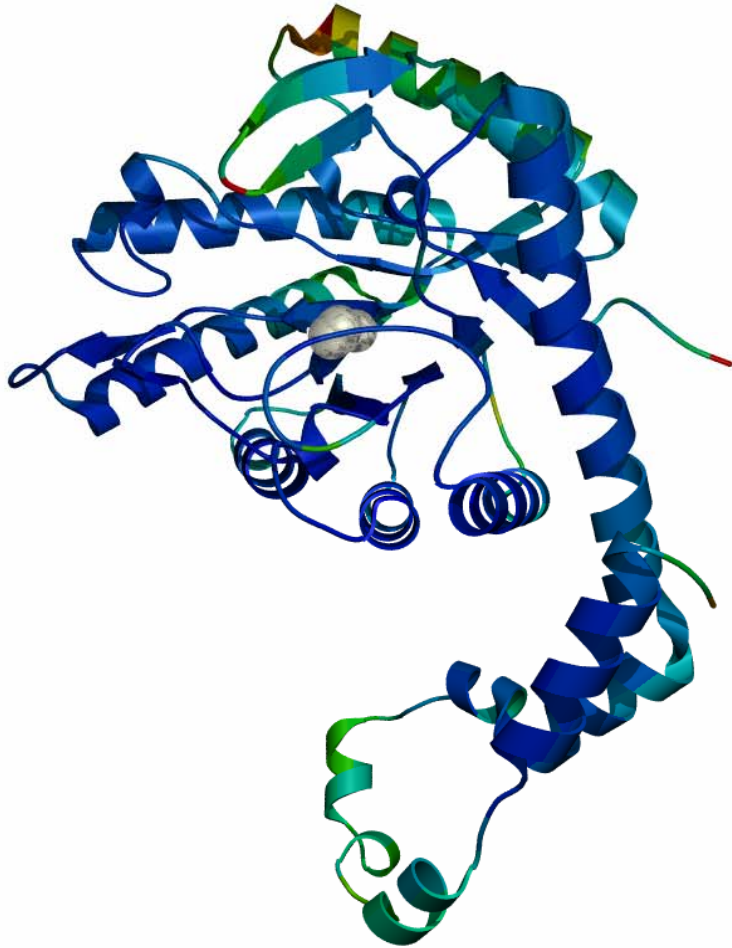
Bonding Electron Density?



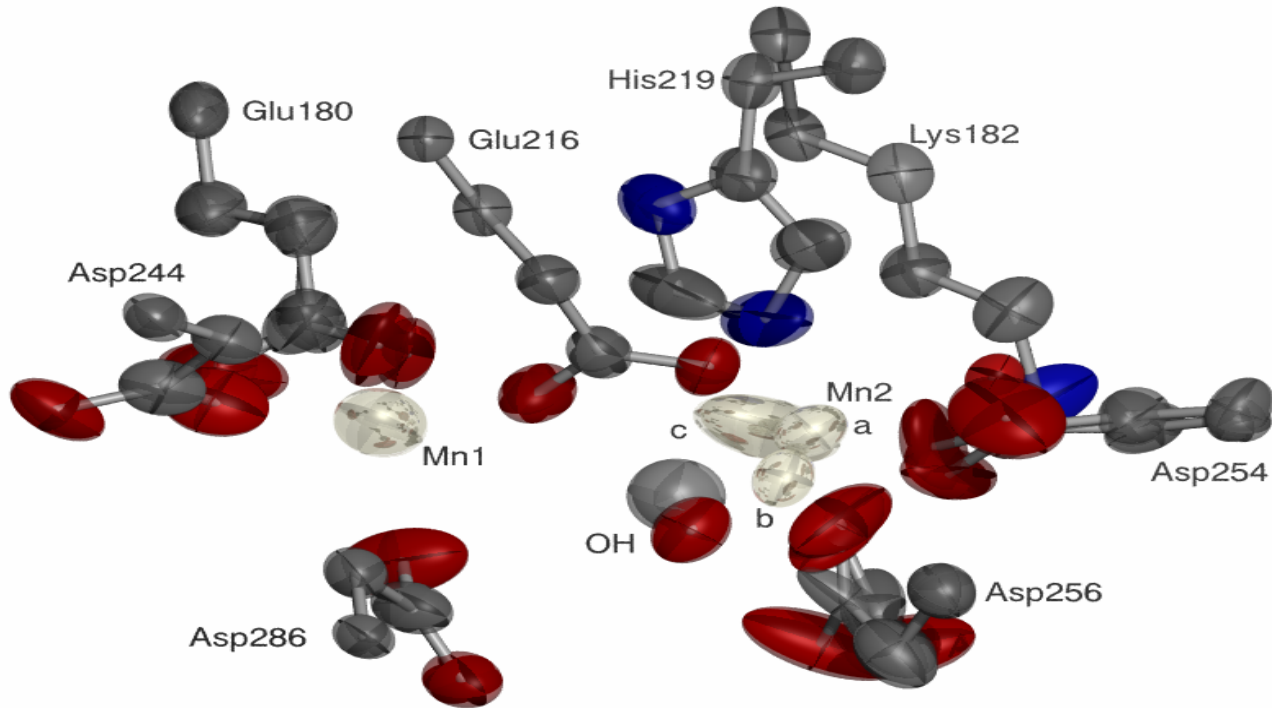
Protonation States



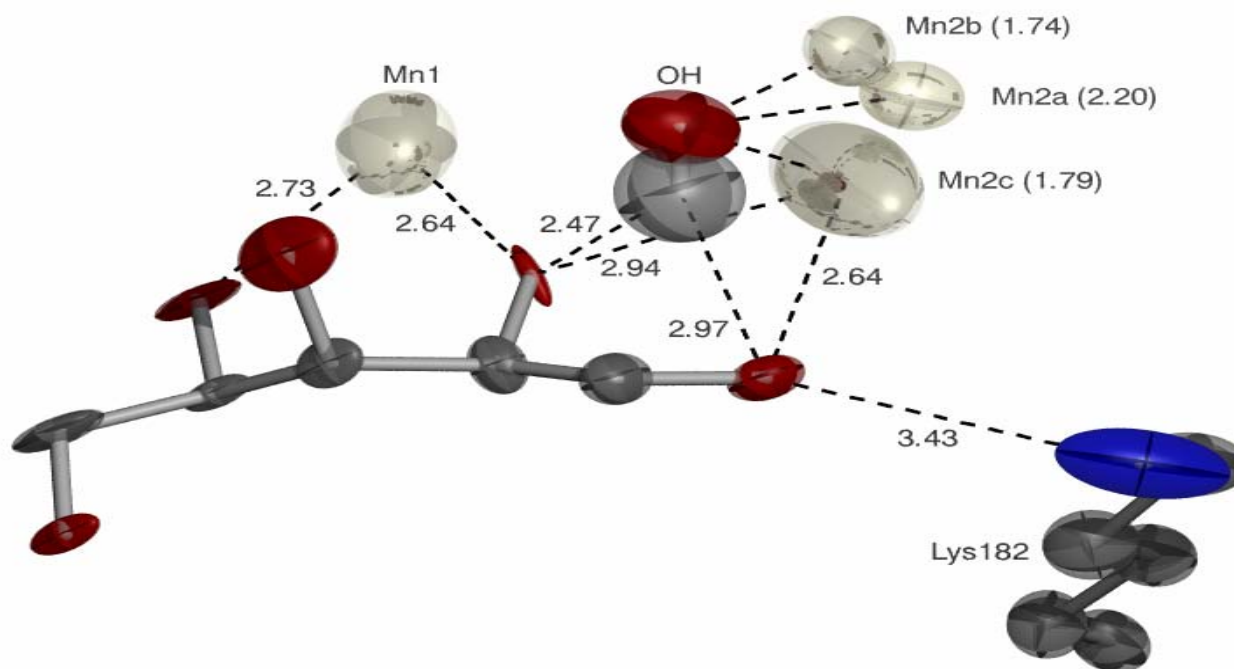
Overall Structure



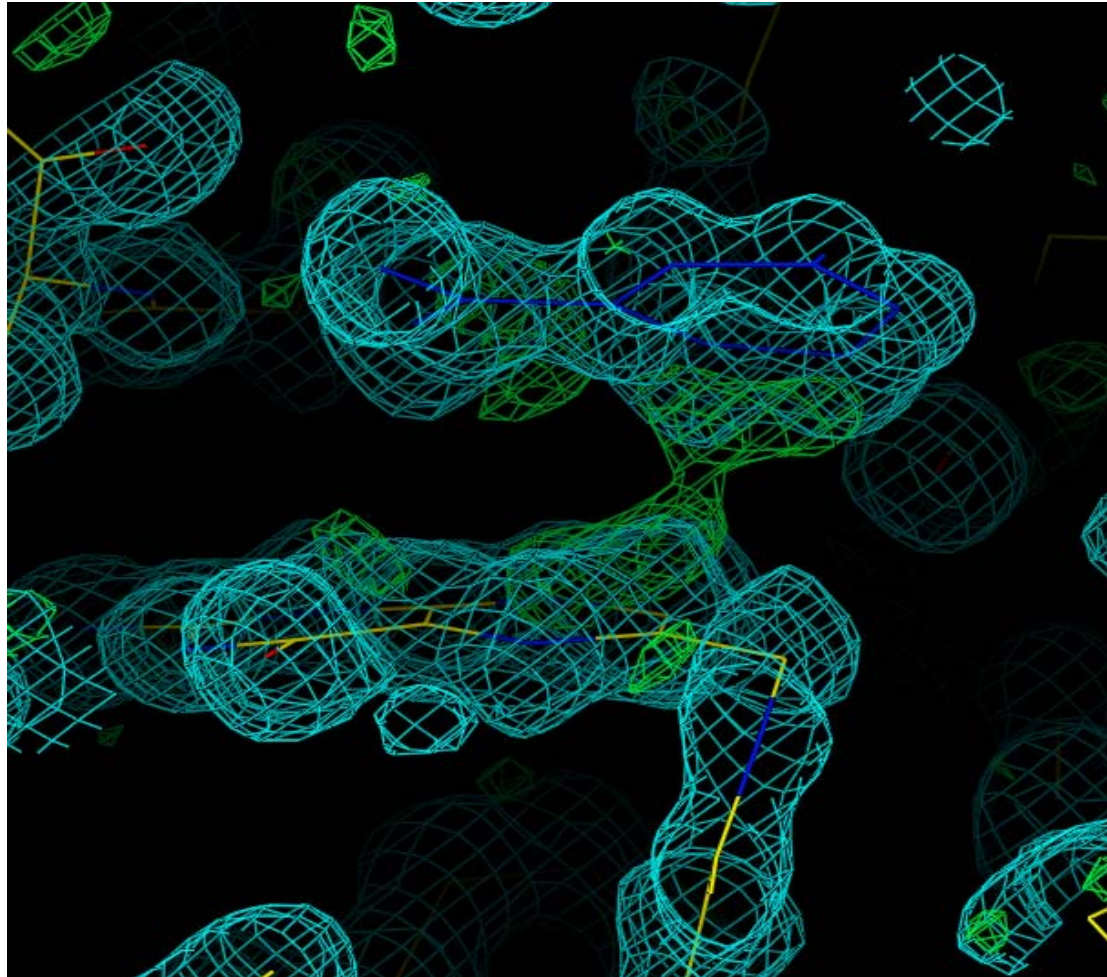
Active Site: Thermal Elipsoids



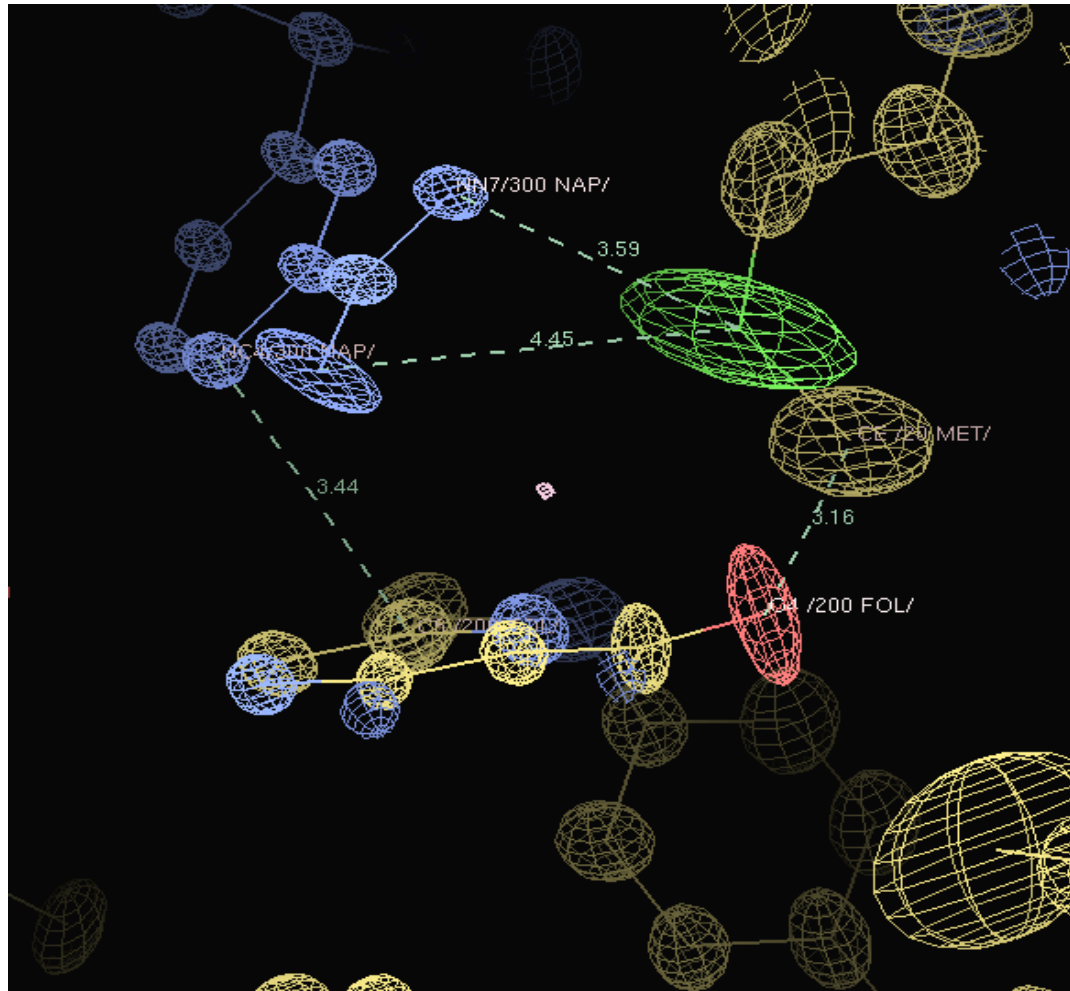
Mechanistic Implications



***B. Subtilis* DHFR structure determined at 1.1 Å resolution, including difference density**



E. coli DHFR 4°C



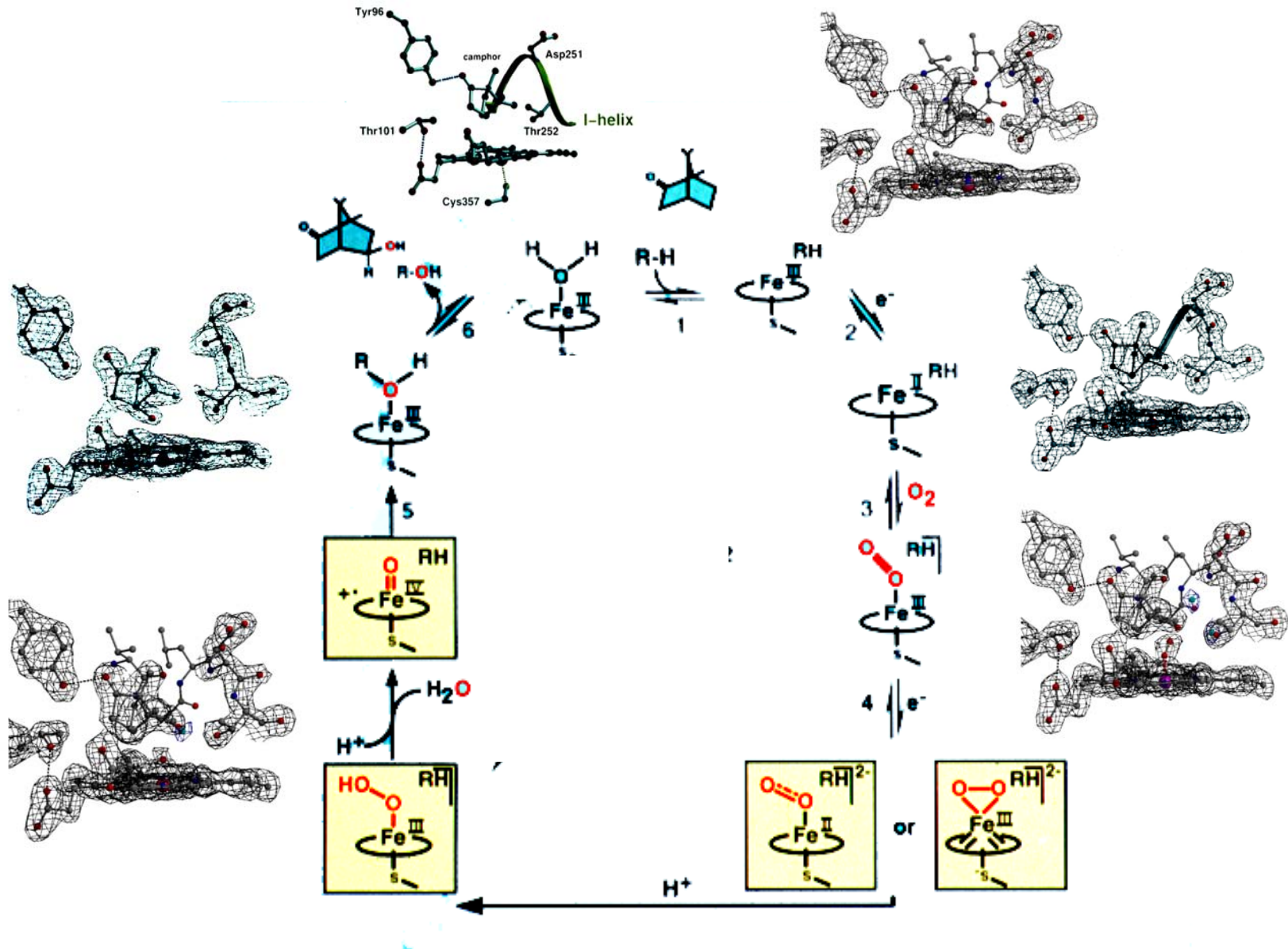
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P450: The Movie



Other important capabilities

Small-angle scattering
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value

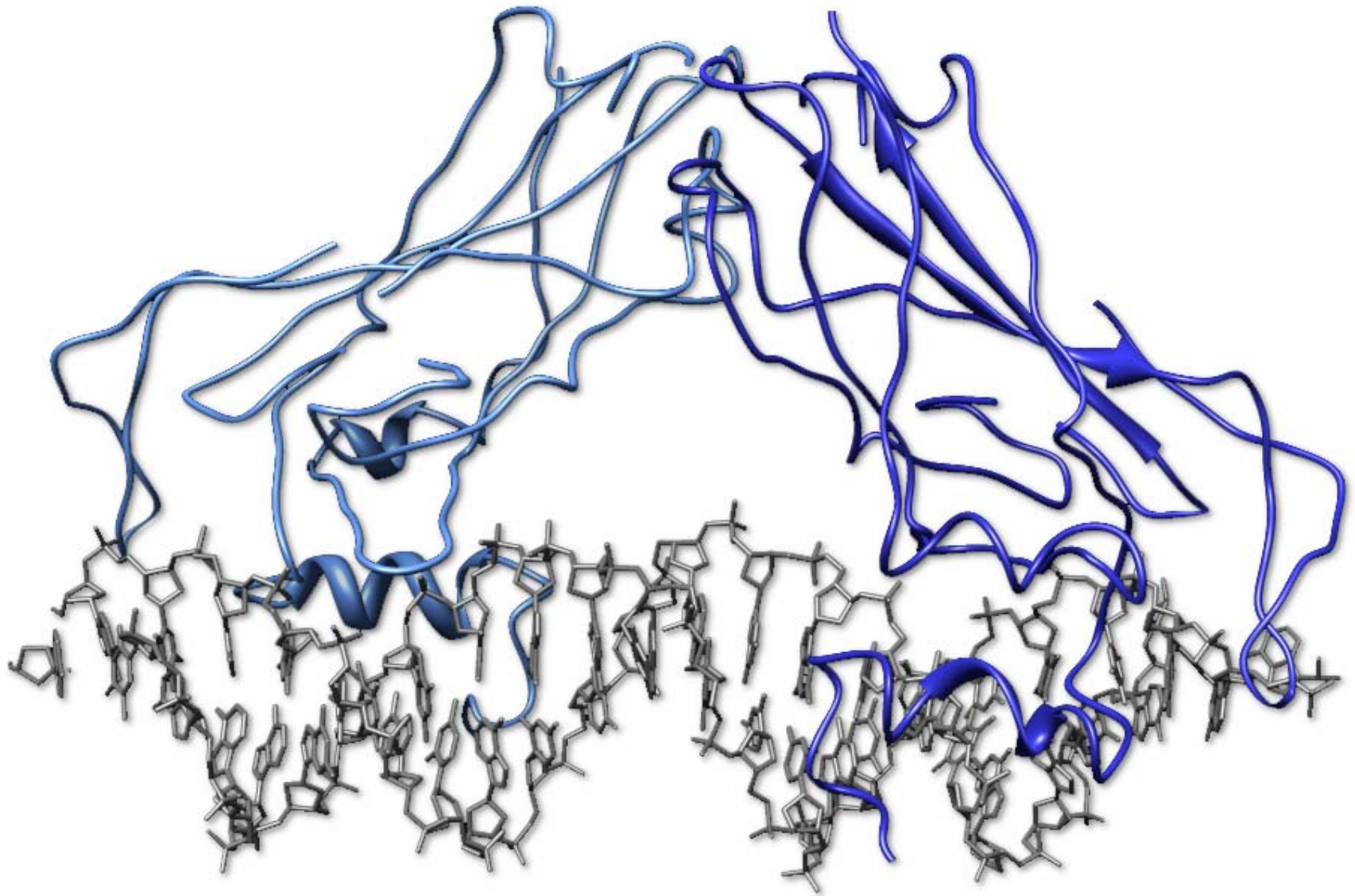
Function

Drug design

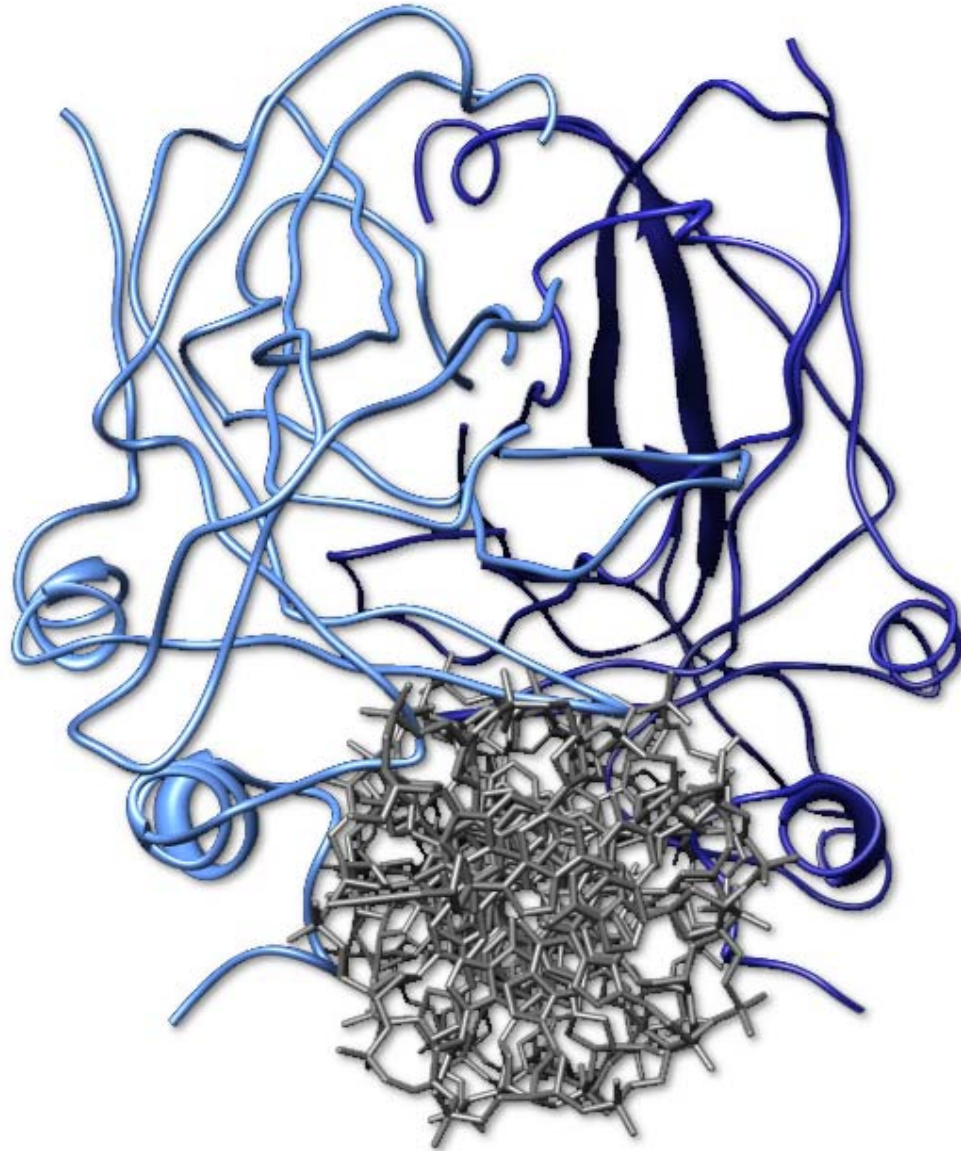
Design of catalysts

Green chemistry

T-box Domain of Human T-bet Bound to Consensus Site

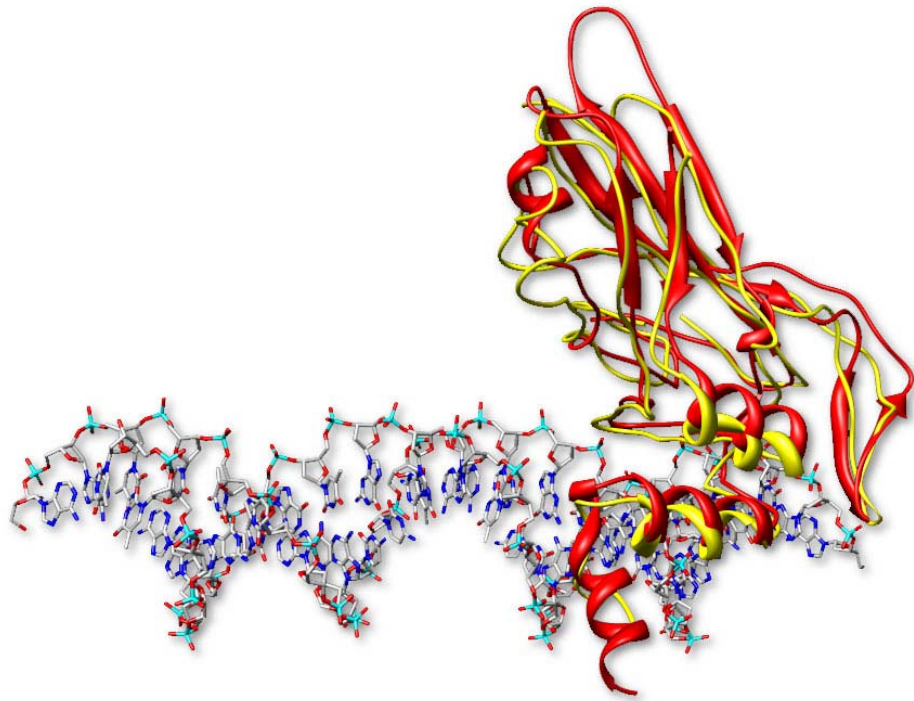


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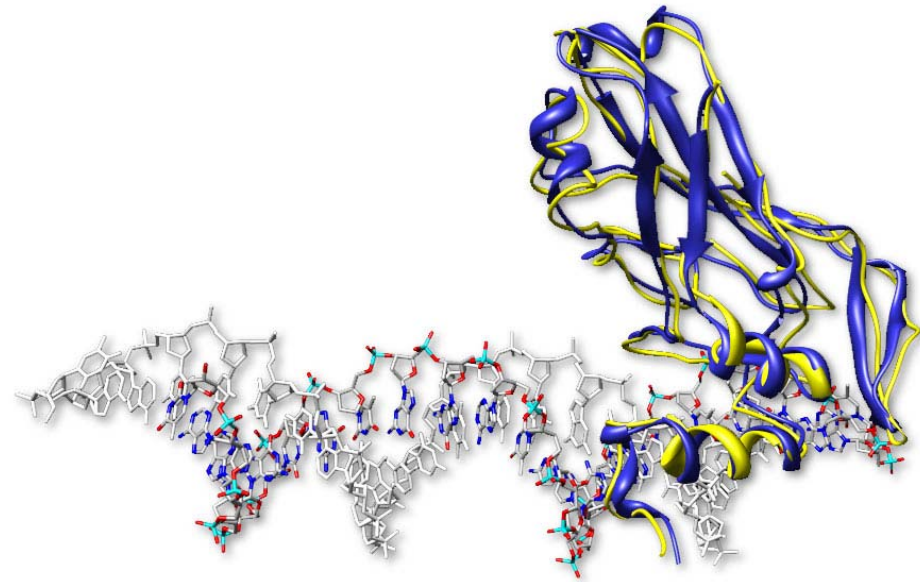
Structural alignment of Tbet with other T-box binding domains

T-bet seems more similar to 1H6F



Xenopus (1XBR) structure: red

Tbet structure: yellow

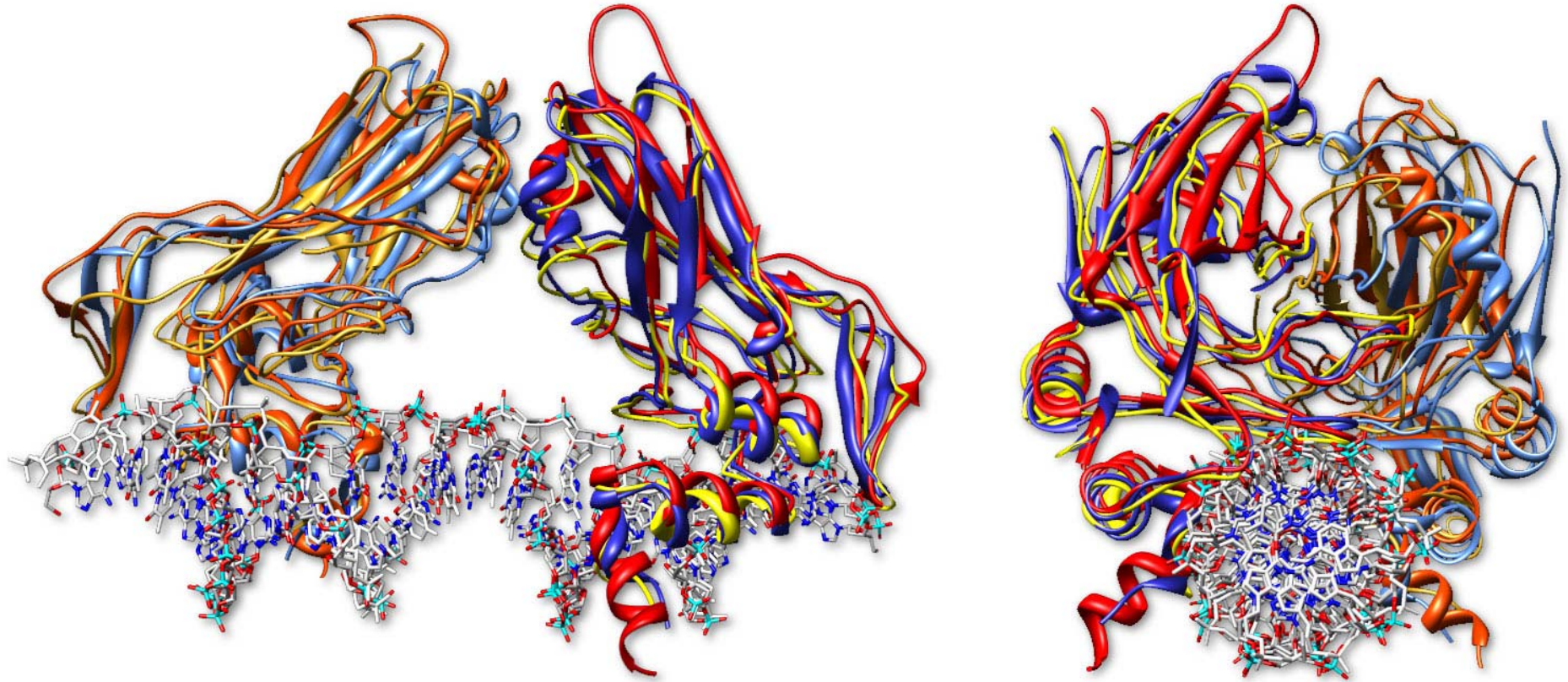


Human (1H6F) structure: blue

Tbet structure: yellow

The dimer interface is of special interest in understanding Tbet function

DNA-binding mode is similar in the three structures, but the interfaces differ considerably

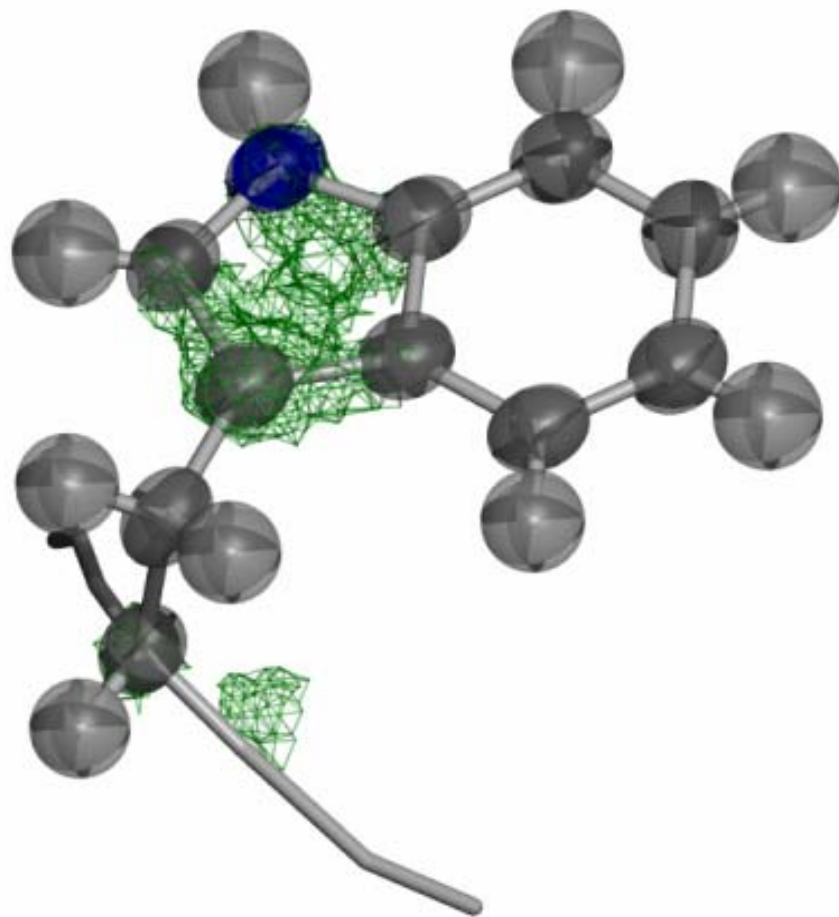
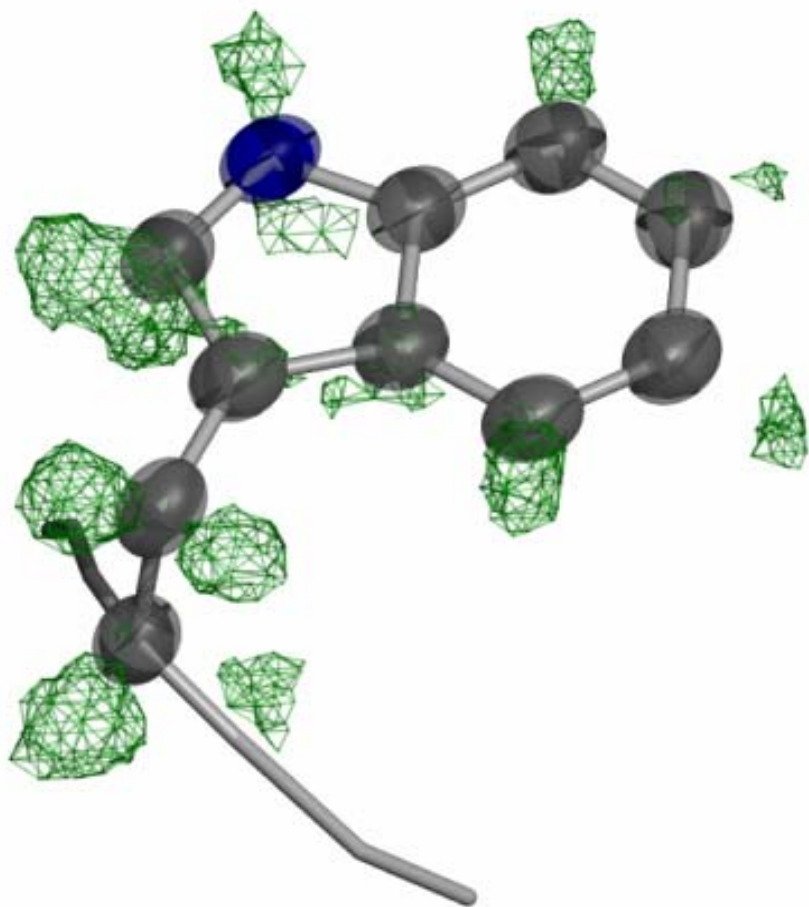


Xenopus (1XBR) structure: red/orange

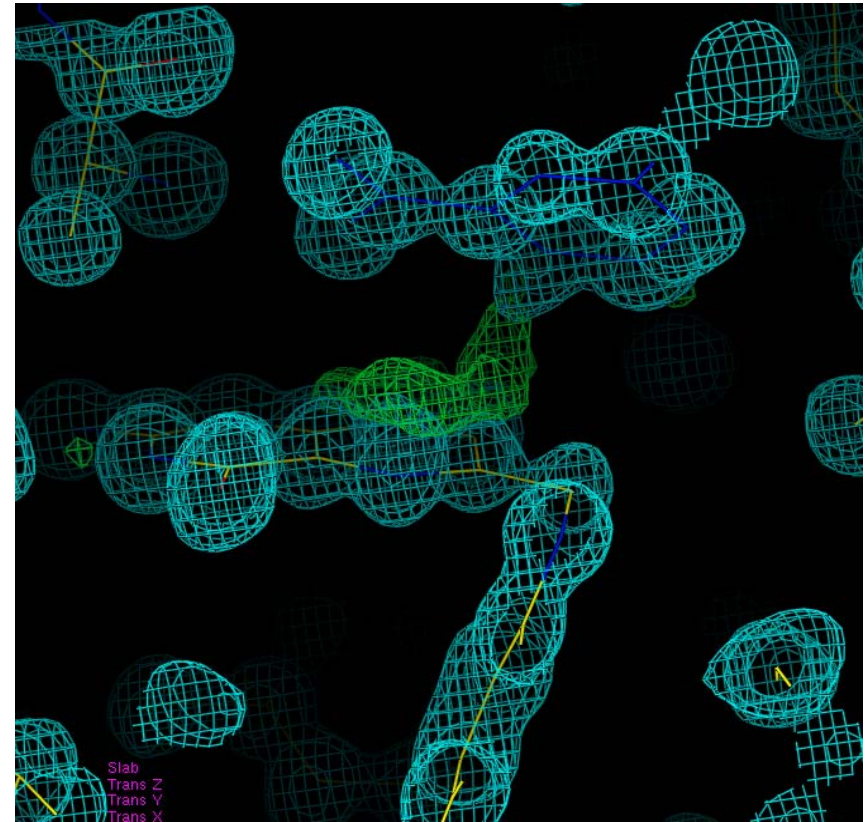
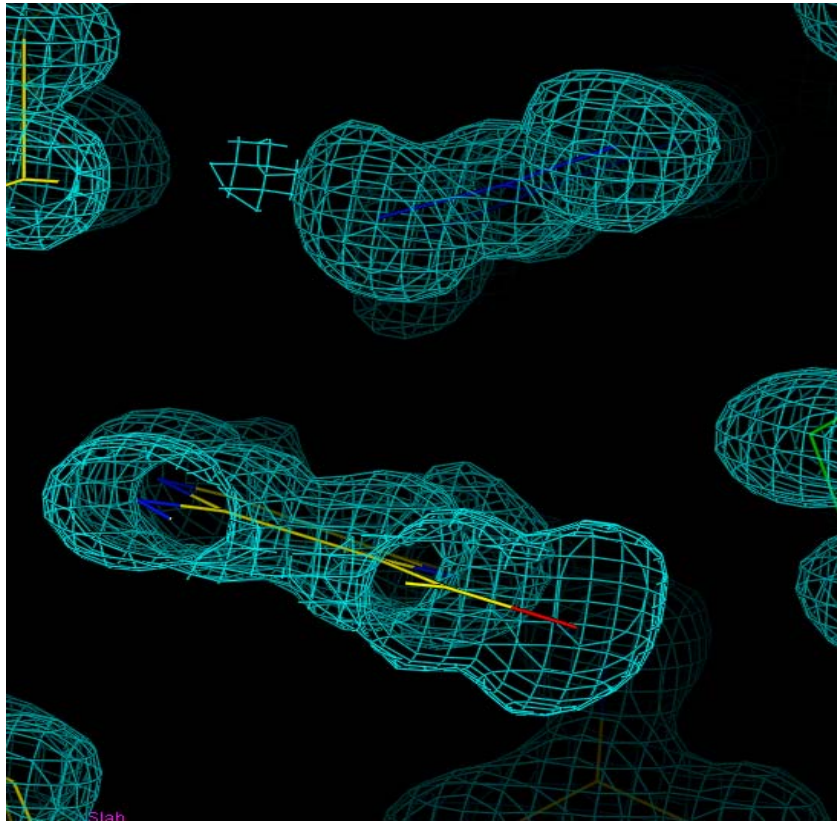
Human (1H6F) structure: light blue/dark blue

Tbet structure: yellow/gold

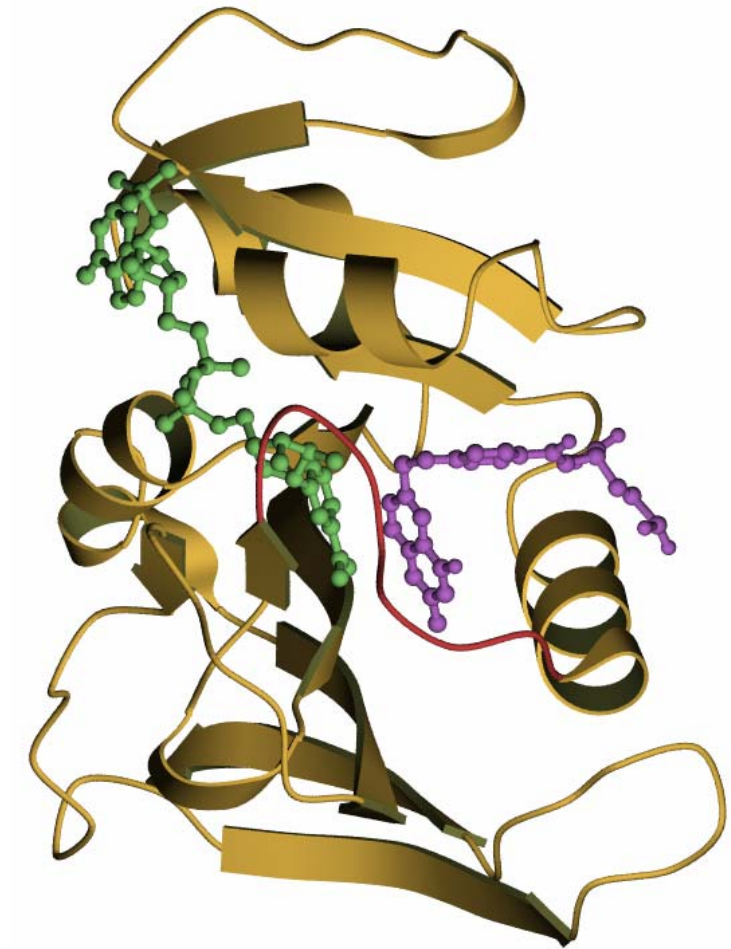
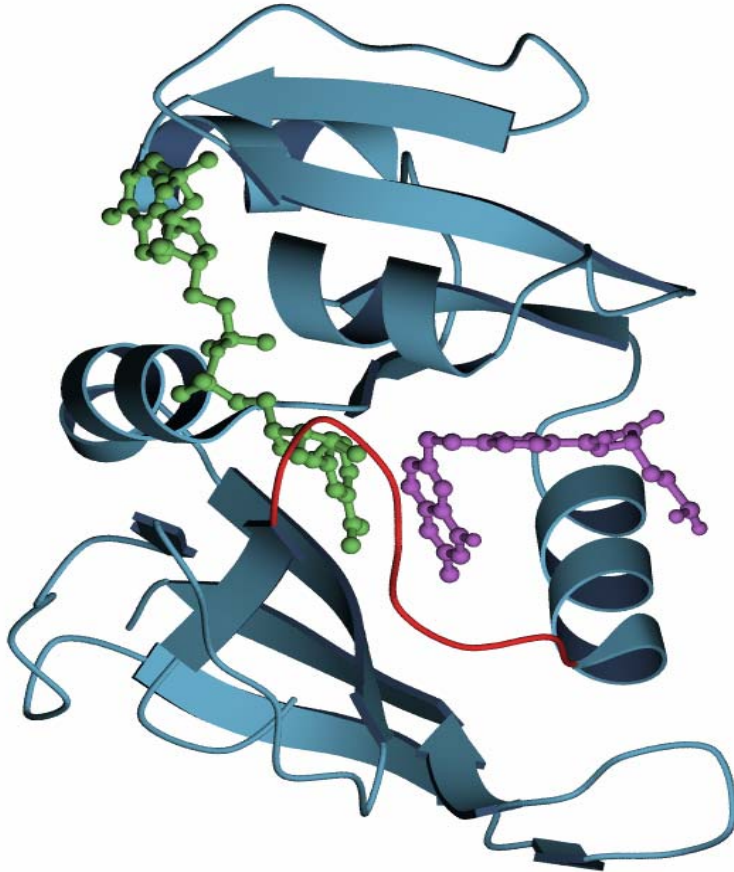
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0.95 Å resolution electron density around *E. coli* DHFR catalytic center, including **difference density**

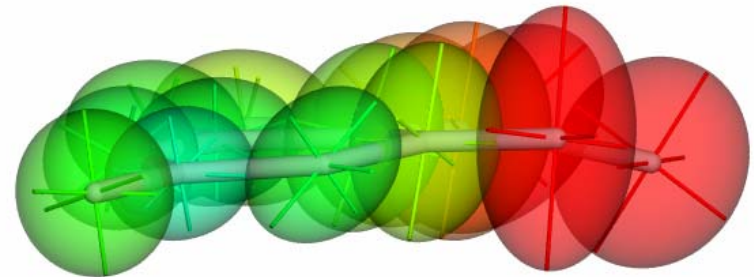
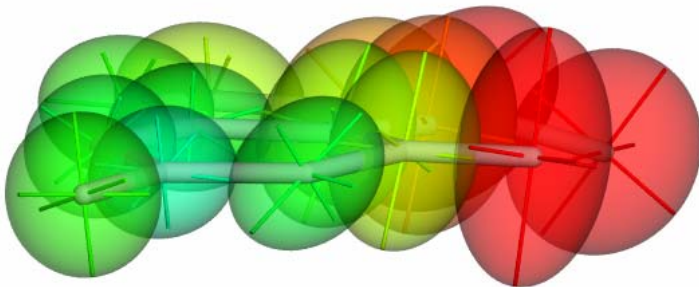
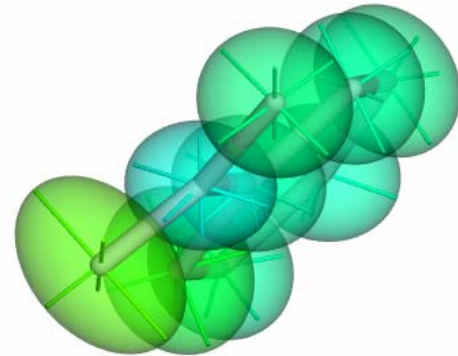
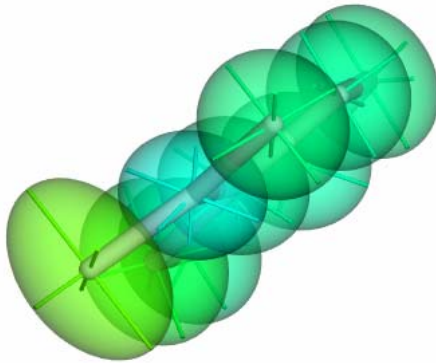


DHFR: *E. coli* vs *B. subtilis*

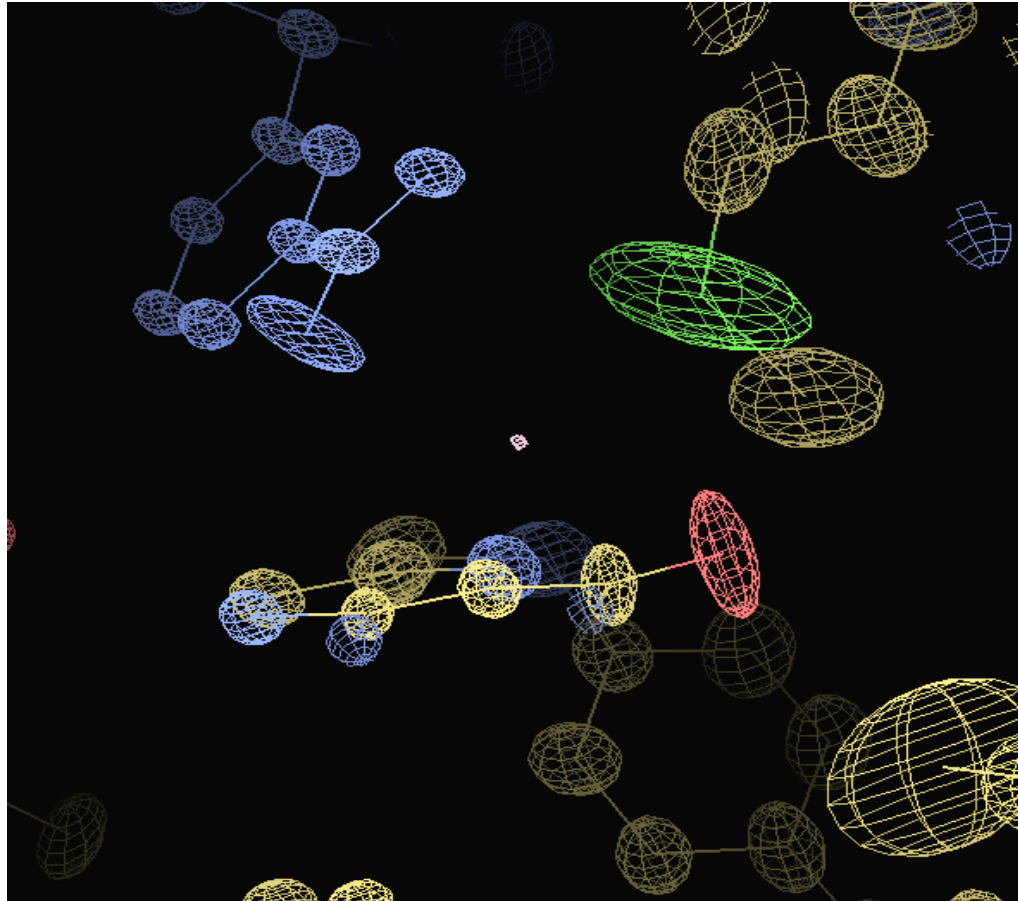


***E. coli* DHFR**
DHFR

B. subtilis



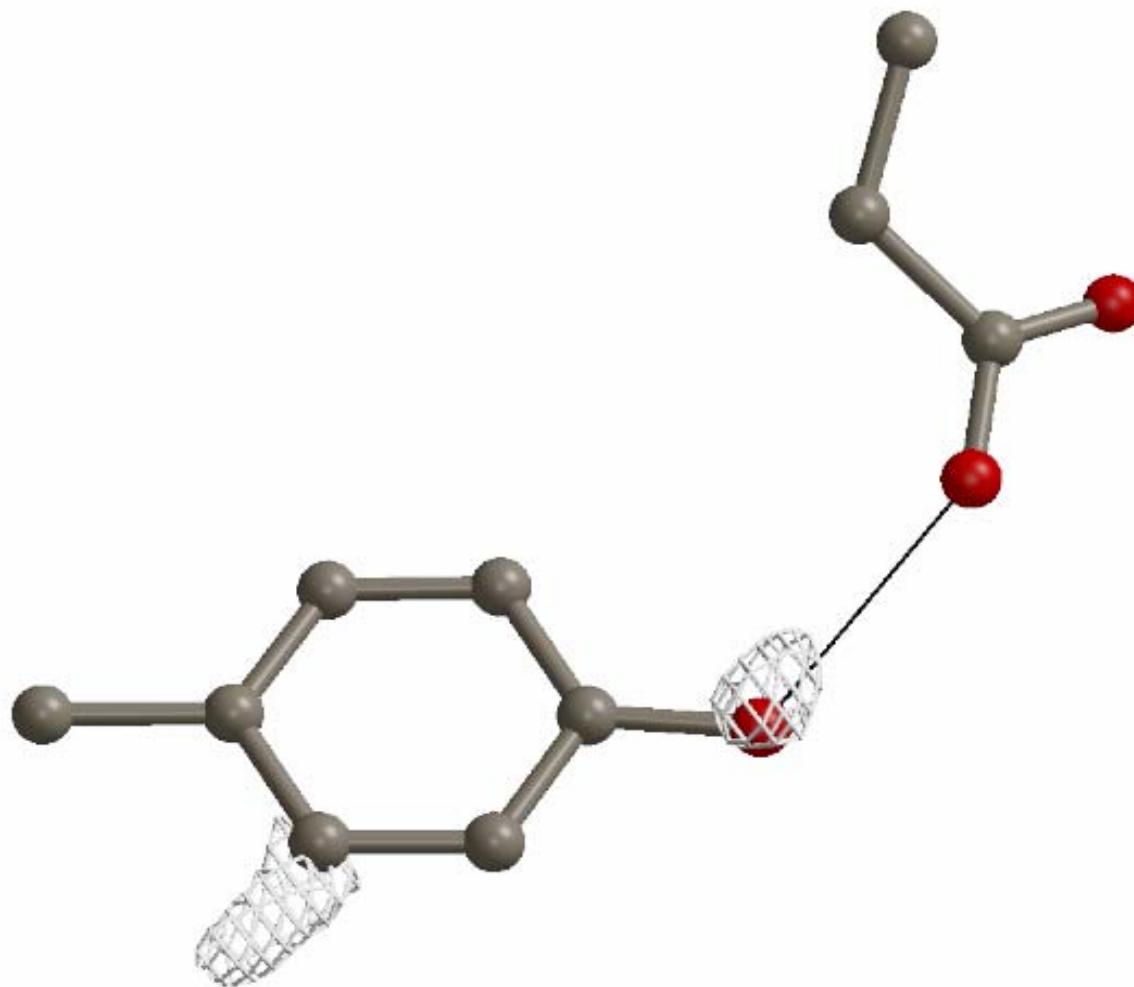
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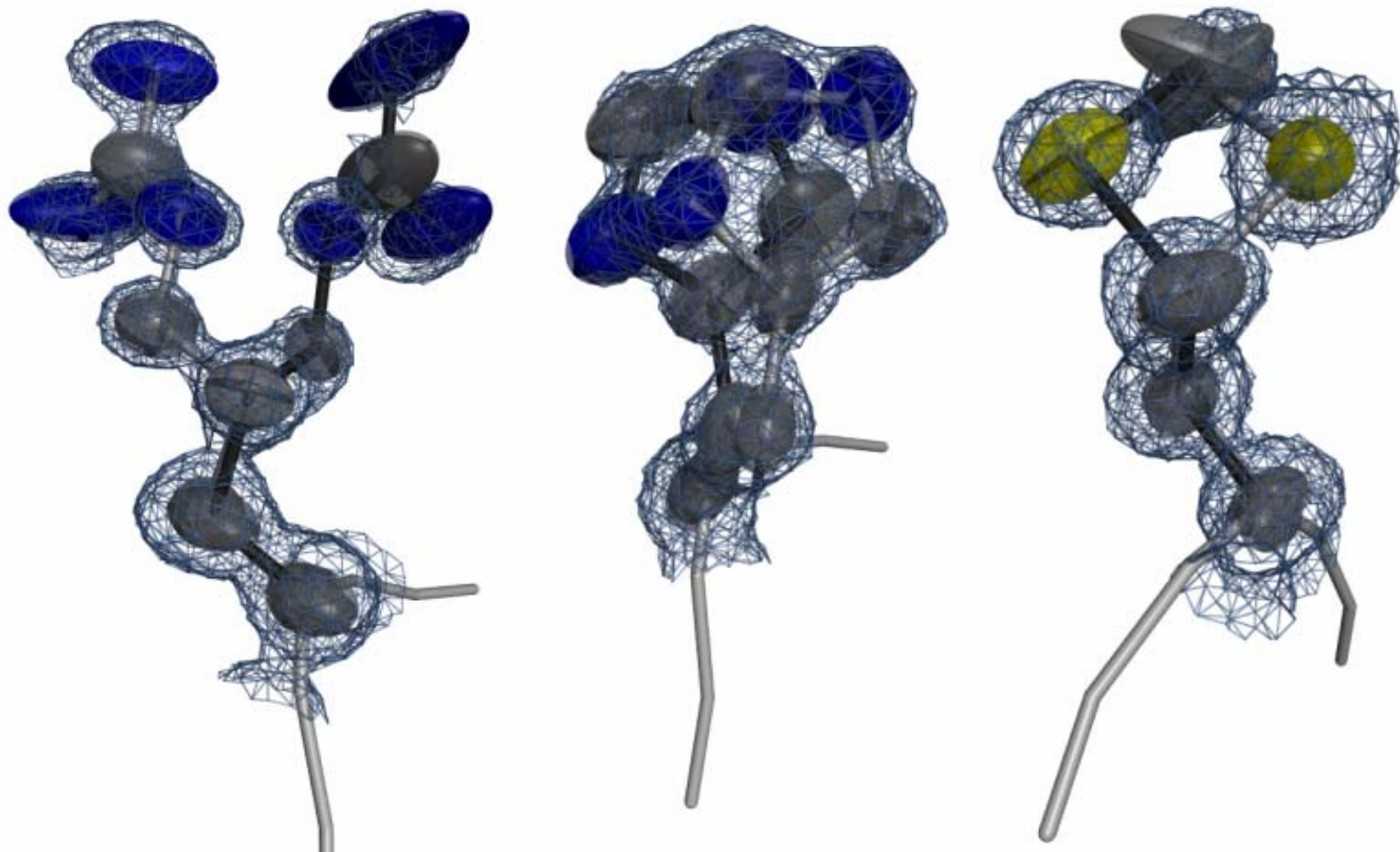
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DIFFERENCE ELECTRON DENSITY SHOWS PHENOLIC HYDROGEN



Alternate Conformers



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